

MINUTES

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 5, 1977

The County Council meeting was opened by Chairman James M. Phinney. Prayer by Cecil Cox. Present for the meeting: Councilmen: Bailes, Cox, Crain, Moore, Herring, Frady and Thomas. Absent: Councilman Ables.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. Cox and carried to approve minutes of the March 15th meeting as furnished.

A public hearing on use of Revenue Sharing Funds was held with a brief explanation on the rules and regulations by Richard Lay. There were no citizens present for the hearing. A recommendation will be made to Council later on proposed use.

Mr. Dennis Davis of Appalachian Council of Governments discussed with Council the Junk Car Program offered by COG after which Mr. Thomas moved to accept the grant and proceed with the program however his motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Herring recommended this be referred to the Public Health, Safety and Welfare Committee for study and a recommendation at the next meeting. Mr. Crain seconded and all Members were in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Bailes seconded by Mr. Thomas to adopt on 2nd reading Ordinance 77-3 (Anti Recession Funds) the vote 7 yes and 0 no.

Robert Ramey made 3 formal requests to Council with regard to the Planning Commission:

1. The Act Creating the Planning Commission be studied with duties being defined.
2. The name be changed from Planning Commission to Planning & Development Board.

3. Hold a well publicized public hearing on Planning Commission Budget request

Councilman Bailes stated that during the renovation of the Alexander-Hill House some lumber was purchased from Linley Lumber Company. Mr. Bailes was uncertain as to the legality of his selling materials to the County. He said he wanted to return the \$218.47 so there would be no question about it.

Mr. Moore noted that COG is studying 4 applications for rest homes in the 3 areas, Oconee, Pickens and Anderson. He urged Council to support one for Oconee.

Mr. Herring said that the Committee studying a site for the new Library does not have a recommendation as yet.

Motion by Mr. Bailes seconded by Mr. Herring and carried to pay 1/4 the agreed amount for 126.26 acres of land purchased by the Sewer Commission from Mrs. Grace A. Dalton for a waste treatment plant site. Total price \$101,008.00. The 75% balance of \$75,756.00 to be paid over a 4 year period. The note for this was signed by Mr. Phinney. Council Members were told by Mr. Fedder that no part of Phase III of the Sewer Project can be undertaken until the EPA Grant is received.

Motion by Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. Moore and carried to approve travel expenses of \$223.00 for Public Defender Gruber Sires to attend a seminar in Atlanta.

Mr. Frady announced that the low bidder for a 4 wheel drive pick up for the road department was Auto Sales of Walhalla. This bid of \$5,353.92 was accepted.

Mr. Herring presented a request for office space for Rural Ministries which was accepted as information. A recommendation will be made later.

Recommendations for proposed office space for 1978 were presented by Mr. Herring as Chairman of the buildings

and grounds Committee (A copy is attached) Motion was then made by Mr. Herring to approve the proposed office changes and to renovate the Lay house (annex) at an approximate cost of \$10,000 with Mr. Phinney furnishing most of the labor.Mr. Moore seconded and it was carried.

Council felt one office should be reserved in the Courthouse for the Sheriff if it is ruled by the Attorney General that the Sheriff maintain an office located in the Courthouse.

Mr. Herring told Council that approximately 1.7 Million dollars for access roads for Industrial Park sites was available in the six county Appalachian Region. In order to be eligible for this grant counties would have to own or have option to buy the land.A motion was made by Mr. Herring seconded by Mr. Moore and carried for the Real Estate,Buildings and Grounds Committee to arrange for acceptable property with the option to buy.

Council agreed to get an Engineer's opinion on the flooding at Avondale.Some residents there feel that the County road is damming a creek and causing the flooding.Councilman Moore saw the problem during the recent rains and says he feels that a larger pipe would not help the situation.

Mr. Cox moved Mr. Moore seconded and it was carried to restore the old prisoner cage now at the crusher to be placed at the new Law Enforcement Center.

Mr. Cox told Council he would like to reinstate the practice of giving gravel to citizens for small driveways repairs.After some discussion County Attorney Fedder again told Council this was illegal.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

*Ordinance 19-2 passed on 2nd Reading
Vote 7-0*

Rehabilitation office to Annex

Engineer to Rehabilitation Office

Delegation to Sales Tax Office

Veterans Affairs to Annex

Purchasing to Veterans Affairs Office

Public Service Employment to Agriculture Building

All offices to be moved out of Brown Square

Probate Judge to part of old Sheriff's Office when
Law Enforcement Center is completed

Food Stamp to Communications

Judge Ballenger to Food Stamp office

Civil Defense to Law Enforcement Center